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A Collection of Intelligence

sometime Machiavellian machinations of diplomats and generals will be pleased to hear that the Georgetown University Library is today unveiling a specialized collection of more than 6,000 books in five languages that is believed to be one of the largest libraries of its kind.

The books, which deal with intelligence and national security, are on loan to the university. They belong to Col. Russell J. Bowen, who is retired from the United States Army.

Many of the volumes, which are to be a resource for scholars, diplomats and journalists, deal with the American Revolution, the French Revolution, the Civil War and all the other cataclysms that have occurred over the past several centuries.

There are even fragments dealing with intelligence subterfuges perpetrated by the Greeks and Romans, said Herbert Fockler, a library assistant. "Even in the Bible there's stuff about spying," he noted.

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